SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the syllabi of the various Engineering Courses include the topic 'security and proper maintenance of chemical industry; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to include the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The topic of 'security and proper maintenance of Chemical industry' as such is not included in the syllabi of various Engineering Courses. However, the maintenance of equipment etc. in the industries is generally taught in the syllabi of various Engineering Courses.

(b) There is no proposal before the Government at present to include the above mentioned topic in the syllabi of Engineering Courses.

High level of protein—A cause of Cancer

925. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Cancer Centre in Japan have found incidence of cancer in persons taking high levels of protein on the western style; and

(b) whether similar studies have been conducted in this country, if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Urban Transport System

926. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group has been formed to suggest means to reduce congestion in urban transport and to suggest alternative system; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Study Group are as under:—

(i) To recommend alternative systems of urban transport which could be developed using the latest available transport technology;

(ii) To establish parameters for such systems to suit Indian cities and conditions;

(iii) To establish capabilities and costs of various systems manufactured internationally and the expertise and general commercial conditions with which they are available looking at the trade-offs between various alternatives;

(iv) To consider any other issue relevant to the subject.

Construction of highways

927. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to partly finance construction of highways by private parties; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?